

## CASE IS LAID BEFORE PUBLIC

Committee Appointed to  
Pass On Issue With  
Railroaders.

## TODAY'S CONFERENCE

Hale Holden Heads Body That Will  
Determine Answer of Presidents of  
Companies.

Washington, Aug. 22.—Sixty rail-  
road presidents, representing practi-  
cally all the systems of the United  
States, expect to give President Wil-  
son their reply tomorrow to his pro-  
posal for averting the threatened rail-  
road strike.

It will be a virtual acceptance of  
the President's proposal, carrying the  
concession of a basic eight-hour day  
with pro rata overtime equivalent to  
a 20 per cent. increase on overtime  
work, according to those in the con-  
fidence of the railroad executives, but  
it will carry qualifications to which  
it is hoped that the President and  
brotherhood officials will yield.

Washington, Aug. 22.—The railway  
executives this morning gave out the  
following statement:

"Mr. Hale Holden, president of the  
Burlington, as spokesman of the rail-  
road executives, who are conferring  
with President Wilson on the railroad  
wage problem, announced this morn-  
ing that a committee from the three-  
score executives now in Washington  
have been named for the general con-  
sideration of the questions involved.

"The members of the committee  
are: Hale Holden, of the Burlington  
and Quincy; W. W. Atterbury,  
Pennsylvania; Fairfax Harrison, of  
the Southern; R. S. Lovett, Union  
Pacific; E. R. Ripley, Atchison, To-  
peka, and Santa Fe; Alfred H. Smith,  
New York Central; Frank Trumbull,  
Chesapeake and Ohio; Daniel Willard,  
Baltimore and Ohio.

"The committee is in continuous  
session considering the situation, and  
it is understood that no conclusion has  
yet been reached."

Washington, Aug. 22.—As one  
American citizen to another, Presi-  
dent Wilson yesterday appealed to  
each of the executives of the country's  
principal railroads on grounds of pa-  
triotism to accept his plan for aver-  
ting the threatened disaster of a nation-  
wide strike.

He emphasized the necessity for  
keeping the railroads in service as  
a part of the national defense, and  
to make possible preparation for  
meeting conditions that will exist af-  
ter the European war.

On leaving the White House the  
railroad presidents, augmented dur-  
ing the day by arrivals from the  
West, held a conference at which  
sentiment was said to be against  
agreeing to the President's proposal  
in its present form. Hope was ex-  
pressed, however, that some satisfac-  
tory counter-proposition might be ad-  
vanced, and it was decided to turn  
over to a committee the task of draft-  
ing a final reply to the President.

With more than 60 men, most of  
them with their own deas about what  
ought to be done, the executives found  
it difficult to "get down to brass  
tacks," as one of them expressed it.  
Today another meeting was held and  
every effort made to reach a decision  
promptly.

The railroad heads still insist that  
President Wilson is asking them to  
sacrifice the principle of arbitration.  
Elisha Lee, chairman of the National  
Conference Committee of Railways,  
said a statement last night in which  
he said: "That the railroads should  
grant, under threat of a national  
strike a \$50,000,000 wage preferment  
to a small minority of their employes,  
without a hearing before a public tri-  
bunal, is inconceivable in a democ-  
racy like ours. All questions at issue  
—wages, hours, costs, operating con-  
ditions—are submerged by the great-  
er issue: Shall arbitration be aban-  
doned in the settlement of industrial  
disputes?"

The statement suggests, however,  
that railroads stand ready to take  
whatever action the people of the  
country desire. It concludes:

"The weight of public opinion must

## BRITISH GIVE SOME GROUND

Covering Patrols Northwest  
of High Wood Driven  
Back

## HALT ENEMY ADVANCE

French Beat Off Violent Assault on  
Fleury—Berlin Reports Some Min-  
or Successes.

London, Aug. 22.—Strong German  
detachments drove back the British  
covering patrols northwest of High  
Wood on the Somme front yesterday  
morning, but were stopped when they  
came under the fire of the British  
positions west of the wood, says to-  
day's War Office statement. Bombing  
attacks on High Wood were repulsed.  
The attacks on High Wood were made  
after a severe bombardment of the  
British lines, while other sections  
of the British front also were heavily  
shelled, gas shells being liberally em-  
ployed. The British artillery also was  
notably active.

Paris, Aug. 22.—The Germans de-  
livered a violent attack on Fleury,  
near Verdun, Sunday night, using  
flaming liquid, but without result,  
says the War Office statement.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—Attacks on Ger-  
man positions in the Somme and Ver-  
dun sectors Sunday resulted in fail-  
ure, the War Office announces.

## NEWS OF THE DAY

Eight persons were killed and more  
than a score were injured in an explo-  
sion in a munitions plant at Drum-  
mondville, near Montreal, Quebec.

Reports that the Japanese govern-  
ment, through a Spanish agent, has  
obtained a land concession of 60,000  
acres on the Atlantic seaboard of Pan-  
ama are being investigated by Secret  
Service agents of the United States.

The causes of the threatened street  
car strike, which promised to tie up  
New York, were removed yesterday.  
Officials of the New York Railways  
Company agreed to take back the  
fourteen men dismissed on the ground  
that they had been convicted of mis-  
demaneors in connection with the  
strike.

A new report of the death of Villa  
was received at El Paso, Tex., yester-  
day by Andres Garcia, Mexican con-  
sul. The report, emanating from  
San Gerónimo, Chihuahua, said that  
the bandit chieftain died of blood  
poisoning resulting from his wounds  
at Tallamantes, near Parral, on July  
9, and was buried near there.

Addressing the biennial State con-  
vention of the Ancient Order of Hi-  
berians in session at the McGill Cath-  
olic Union in Richmond, yesterday,  
President John J. Blake, of Rich-  
mond, criticized the national leaders  
of the order, who, he charged, are  
attempting to draw the organization  
into politics.

determine this issue. We cannot be-  
lieve that it is the calm judgment of  
the country that we should sacrifice  
the principle of arbitration in indus-  
trial disputes, under a threat to tie  
up the commerce of the country."

While the officials were listening to  
President Wilson and later conferring  
at their hotel, the general committee  
of 640 representatives of the employ-  
ees, who already have accepted the  
President's plan, held a perfunctory  
meeting and marked time awaiting  
the decision of the employers. They  
said they would wait until President  
Wilson dismissed them, but stood  
ready to call a strike should the nego-  
tiations fail.

LOST — A small paper handbag,  
marked with my name and Wash-  
ington address; \$2 reward will be  
paid for its return to Gazette office  
or 403 9th street, N. W., Wash-  
ington, Alex. J. Wedderburn. 195.1t

DEVELOPED & HARD SHELL  
CRABS AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT  
KING STREET.

## Alexandria City News Condensed

Frank F. Marbury is out again after  
a short illness which kept him in the  
house for a time.

Funeral services for the late  
Thomas J. Mullen will be held to-mor-  
row morning at 9:30 o'clock from St.  
Mary's Catholic Church.

Genevieve Estline has filed suit for  
absolute divorce in the Circuit Court,  
against William G. Estline, alleging  
desertion as grounds.

The engagement of Miss Hilda  
Estelle Wolf, daughter of Mr. and  
Mrs. Julius Wolf, of this city, to Mr.  
A. Milton Fine, of Baltimore, has  
been announced.

Washingtonian—I notice you have  
a great many old residents in Alexan-  
dria. People don't die over here very  
often, do they?

Alexandrian—No, only once.

Mr. Cameron Roberts, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Walter Roberts, is taking  
several weeks' course in military in-  
struction at the Plattsburg, N. Y.,  
training camp for civilians, before  
returning to Cornell University, where  
he is a student, this fall.

## KILLING OF TROOPERS

Fatal Accident to Young Meade and  
Gooch Will Be Subject of Cor-  
oner's Inquest.

The actual facts in connection with  
the killing of Privates W. P. Meade,  
of Alexandria, and Henry G. Gooch,  
of Richmond, at Acca train yards,  
Richmond, at an early hour yesterday  
morning, are still wanting. Nobody  
seems to have witnessed the distress-  
ing accident and the Gazette yester-  
day contained about all that is known  
as to the actual facts in connection  
with the killing of the young men.  
The discovery of a portion of Gooch's  
hat on the pilot of a Richmond, Fred-  
ericksburg and Potomac Railroad en-  
gine, when a train from the north  
reached Byrd street station yesterday  
morning at 1 o'clock, was the first in-  
timation that an accident had occurred.  
A yard engine was immediately or-  
dered out and instructions were given  
the crew to continue along the tracks  
until the bodies were discovered.  
About 1:30 o'clock the bodies of the  
young men were located a short dis-  
tance from Acca, which is a small  
telegraph station. Both bodies were  
badly mangled and were in the vicinity  
of the Richmond Forgings Corpora-  
tion.

The mangled bodies of the victims  
were found on either side of the south-  
bound main line by the crew of a yard  
engine. Meade's handbag, the leather  
side of which had been ripped open by  
the force with which it had been  
hurled against the ground, was found  
some distance from his body, while  
Gooch's hat was found about twenty  
feet from his body.

The unfortunate young men had  
been with two young men for a few  
minutes after leaving the train. Their  
companions went into the fields im-  
mediately, but Meade and Gooch evi-  
dently lingered on the track a short  
time before starting. At this time  
the train on which they had returned  
to Richmond was just leaving Acca,  
and had started the heavy pull up the  
incline which leads to the Seaboard  
tracks. At 12:25 o'clock the Atlantic  
Coast Line train No. 61 is due. This  
train evidently was on time, and, glid-  
ing down the grade of the yards on the  
tracks of the Richmond, Fredericks-  
burg and Potomac Railroad, it swept  
on the unsuspecting boys before they  
knew of its presence. The noise made  
by the other train is thought to have  
drowned its approach.

Train No. 61 makes no stop in the  
yards, and generally goes through them  
at high speed. The engineer, Tom  
Brown, did not see the boys, and  
nothing was known of the accident  
until the train arrived at Byrd street  
station. There a railroad employe  
found a portion of Gooch's hat on the  
pilot of the engine. Funeral services  
for young Meade will be conducted  
this afternoon at 5 o'clock at Wheat-  
ley's mortuary chapel, by Rev. Dr. S.  
A. Wallis, D. D., of the Episcopal  
Theological Seminary. The body was

Miss Laura Smoot is the guest of  
Mrs. George A. Wise at their home at  
Araby Farm, Va.

Mrs. Harry Leefe and son, Charles,  
of Danville, Va., are visiting the for-  
mer's step-mother, Mrs. W. B. Dabie,  
on Wolfe street.

Mr. Lucian Moss, of Markham,  
Fauquier county, who has been the  
guest of Mr. Albert V. Bryan, at 903  
Prince street for a short stay has re-  
turned to his home.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Staunton  
have returned to their home in this  
city after spending several weeks  
with relatives at Warrenton.

A joint meeting of the various com-  
mittees having in charge the Gypsy  
Smith evangelistic revivals to begin  
here September 3, will be held tonight  
at 8 o'clock in the Methodist Protes-  
tant Church, to further discuss plans  
for the campaign. Last night the nur-  
sery committee of ladies who will  
have charge of the caring for of in-  
fants whose mothers are attending  
the revival services completed plans,  
holding a meeting for final arrange-  
ments in the Methodist Church South.

## GRAND LODGE I. O. O. F.

Alexandria Will Be Represented in  
the Meeting of the Sovereign  
Grand Body.

The annual session of the Sovereign  
Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows will con-  
vene at Chattanooga, Tenn., on Sep-  
tember 18th. The representatives  
from Virginia are: Dr. R. Lee Robin-  
son, Newport News, and John H. Sea-  
born, Portsmouth. The General Mil-  
itary Council, Patriarchs Militant, I. O.  
O. F., will assemble at the same time.  
General A. R. Stocker, Commander of  
Virginia, will be represented by Col.  
Chas. Pohlig, Department Com-  
mander, Richmond, and Daniel R.  
Stansbury, aide on the General's staff  
of Alexandria. In honor of the meet-  
ing of the highest branch of Odd Fel-  
lowship in Chattanooga, the commit-  
tee of arrangements have appropriated  
thirty-five hundred dollars to be dis-  
tributed in prizes for competitive  
drill of cantons of Patriarchs Militant  
in formations, sword manuals and  
tactics. The street parade will take  
place on Wednesday, September 20th.

## ROUMANIA UNCERTAIN.

Reported to Have Cast Her Lot With  
the Entente.

London, Aug. 22.—Roumania is re-  
ported to have cast her lot with the  
entente. No formal declaration has  
yet been made, but the situation is  
regarded so seriously in Berlin that the  
central empires are said to be prepar-  
ing a union.

Great importance is attributed to a  
conference between the Roumanian  
minister of war and the Russian mil-  
itary attaché at Bucharest on Sun-  
day. The Kreuz Zeitung of Berlin is  
quoted in a Copenhagen dispatch as  
expressing the supposition that this  
conference was held to discuss a plan  
of campaign.

Russia, it was said, will send armies  
to co-operate with Roumania in a  
march into Serbia, taking the Ger-  
mans and Bulgarians in the rear.

Hints of the Austro-German ultimatum  
are being circulated, according  
to Geneva dispatches, which state  
that the situation is serious.

brought from Richmond by Mr. and  
Mrs. Stasius Meade, the parents of  
the unfortunate youth, late yesterday  
afternoon.

A detachment of members of the  
Richmond Light Infantry Blues will  
act as pallbearers. Interment will be  
in Ivy Hill Cemetery.

The burial of Gooch took place in  
Richmond this morning at 11 o'clock.  
Friends of the young man in this city,  
he having lived here up to several  
months ago, sent a handsome funeral  
tribute. Funeral services were con-  
ducted at his late home in the capital  
city. The young man was an Epis-  
copalian.

Captain Frank L. Slaymaker  
turned to his home in Rosemont, Va.,  
Riverton, Va., where he spent his vaca-  
tion.

Mr. T. U. Rowley, who has been  
engaged in business in this city for  
the past seven or eight years, left  
last night to make his future home  
in Toledo, Ohio. Mrs. Rowley will  
join her husband in about three weeks.

The mercury in the thermometer at  
Warfield's drug store on King street  
climbed to 104 degrees today. Weather-  
of that temperature is enough to  
try the disposition of a saint, to say  
nothing of the ordinary sinner. It is  
certainly some hot wave which is  
sweeping over the country in this  
"good old summer time."

Excursion steamers to Marshall  
Hall were packed to-day with passen-  
gers on three different excursions  
from this city, outings being given by  
the Holy Name Band, the Council of  
Jewish Women, and the Immanuel  
Lutheran Sunday School. It is ex-  
pected that still bigger crowds will  
attend to-night. The Holy Name  
Band will give a concert on the even-  
ing trip.

## SHOOT AT BURGLARS

They Had Entered Building of Na-  
tional Food Product Company  
and Stolen Tools.

The sudden outcry of a white man  
who had been shot by the watchman  
of the National Food Products Com-  
pany, on Henry street extended, be-  
tween 1 and 2 o'clock this morning,  
awakened persons living near by and  
brought them into the street. J. H.  
Eaton, the watchman, was on the  
northern end of the platform when he  
saw two men emerge from the build-  
ing, one carrying a bag. He called  
upon them to stop, but they kept on  
when the watchman discharged his  
pistol over their heads, supposing this  
would cause them to halt. They kept  
on, however, when Eaton aimed his  
pistol at them and fired. One of  
them uttered a painful shriek,  
throwing his left hand upon his right  
arm, and ran away. His companion  
followed him. The bag of tools and  
been dropped in the mean time and  
was subsequently found. The tools  
are valued at about \$30. It is sup-  
posed the thieves had been locked in  
the building early in the night.

The second of the pistol shots and  
the outcry of the man who evidently  
received a bullet in his right arm,  
brought still more residents into the  
street and some excitement was  
caused in the vicinity.

The affair was reported by the  
watchman to the officers at the sta-  
tion house this morning and the latter  
are endeavoring to locate the wounded  
man.

Related reports from the storm-  
stricken districts in Texas, ravaged  
by last week's hurricane, state that  
the property damage will reach \$2,000-  
000. Twelve bodies have been recov-  
ered. Port Aransas, 50 miles from  
Galveston was destroyed completely  
and citizens are appealing for food  
and clothing. Many persons in the  
small inland hamlets are destitute.  
The corn and cotton crops were de-  
vastated.

## BARBERS ON STRIKE.

New York, Aug. 22.—Under the  
campaign plan laid out by C. M.  
Felder, vice president of the union,  
500 barbers struck the first day. The  
same number will walk out tomorrow  
and the number of strikers is expect-  
ed to reach 20,000 by Thursday.

A general strike has been ordered  
among the wigmakers of the city.

## Notice.

I have cancelled my engagement  
with the Hopkins Furniture Company  
and after August 24, will be with the  
well known and popular firm of Julius  
Wolf, clothing, boots, shoes, dry goods,  
Ladies' and Gents' Furnishings, 423  
King street, and solicit a liberal share  
of the patronage of my friends and  
the general public.  
C. S. H. COBB.  
195-3t.

## ALLIES STRIKE IN THE BALKANS

General Offensive Launched  
Along Entire Saloniki  
Front

## ROUMANIA'S ACTION.

Russians Reported to Have Made New  
Advances on Stokhod and in the  
Carpathians.

Paris, Aug. 22.—A general offen-  
sive along the entire Saloniki front  
was launched Sunday by the Allies,  
according to a French War Office  
statement. The Serbians have cap-  
tured the Bulgarian first line on the  
left of the battle front but have lost  
the town of Banica, south of Florina.

On the centre and right wing heavy  
fighting is in progress. The British-  
French forces have crossed the Stru-  
ma and are attacking Bulgarian posi-  
tions northwest of Seres.

Italian troops began to disembark  
at Saloniki Sunday, says a Havas dis-  
patch from that point. On leaving  
their ships, the dispatch says, the Ital-  
ians passed through Saloniki to camp,  
preceded by military bands of the al-  
lies and cheered by the populace.

On the west front the Germans de-  
livered a violent attack on Fleury,  
near Verdun, last night, using flaming  
liquid, but without result. Artillery  
action occurred in the Somme section.

Berlin, Aug. 22.—The German  
and Bulgarian forces, which have taken  
the offensive on the western end  
of the Balkan front, are pushing  
southward in Greece, the War Office  
communication shows. The have  
wrested further positions from the  
Serbians and beaten off efforts to re-  
capture ground won.

Berlin also claims victory for the  
Austro-German forces over the Rus-  
sians in the Carpathians and the re-  
pulse of all attacks on the Stokhod.  
The failure of the Allies to advance  
on the west front also is reported.

Petrograd, Aug. 22.—The Russians  
have made further advances at some  
points along the Stokhod line, where  
they broke through the Austro-Hun-  
garian defenses last week, the War  
Office announces. The capture of more  
than 1,300 men in this region in two  
days is reported.

The Russians also are pressing for-  
ward vigorously through two of the  
Carpathian passes which lead to Hun-  
gary. Following the announcement  
last week of advances in the vicinity  
of Korosmezo, which is just over the  
border in Hungary, the War office re-  
ported yesterday gains in the past  
east of this region. Leading south  
from Kut. The capture of Jablonitz  
and Fereskul, on the Cheremosh  
river, which forms the boundary be-  
tween Galicia and Bukovina, is an-  
nounced. Jablonitz is about 20 miles  
north of the Hungarian border.

The feature of the fighting in the  
Russian campaign, which broke out  
like a tempest on the southwestern  
front more than two months and a  
half ago, is its almost continuous na-  
ture. Except for brief interludes for  
consolidating positions or changing  
the direction of attack, it has been  
like one great sustained battle. Per-  
joks like the present, described as  
"hulls," usually have turned out to be  
crowded with intense fighting, whose  
details it has been the consistent pol-  
ret until the operations are ended.

## Bids Wanted For Coal and Wood.

The undersigned will receive seal-  
ed bids for 200 tons Cumberland coal,  
40 tons white ash coal and 16 cords  
wood, to be used in heating the Alex-  
andria city school buildings. Both coal  
and wood to be delivered to the sev-  
eral buildings as ordered. Bids must  
be received on or before August 25,  
1916.  
HARRY D. KIRK,  
Clerk School Board.

Alexandria, Aug. 16, 1916. 190-7t.

FOR RENT — Two nice furnished  
rooms, with bath, private family;  
gentlemen only. Apply to 211 S.  
Royal street. 195-tf.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Ram-  
en Cafe, Royal Street.

## GREEKS AND BULGARS CLASH

Some of Former Reported  
Killed in Recent En-  
gagement.

## RUSSIANS AT FRONT.

Concerted Attacks of Allies Develop  
Series of Sanguinary Encounters  
at Saloniki Front.

Athens, Aug. 22.—Russian troops  
have landed at Saloniki to join in the  
allied offensive. Dispatches today re-  
ported that allied transports arrived  
with the Russians as the first Italian  
contingent was disembarking.

A second contingent of Italian  
troops has also landed.

London, Aug. 22.—Greek and Bul-  
garian forces have clashed in the re-  
gion of Serres, and fighting has been  
going on since Monday morning, said  
an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from  
Athens today. A number of Greeks  
have been killed.

The Greek commander is summon-  
ing all neighboring reserves.

This dispatch is as yet unconfirmed  
from other sources, though Bulgar-  
ian forces are known to have advan-  
ced to a position a few miles north  
of Serre (forty miles northeast of Salo-  
niki). The last official dispatch re-  
ported French forces attacking this  
Bulgar detachment at Barakli.

On the whole front, the allies are  
now attacking the Bulgarian lines,  
the engagements developing into a  
series of battles. In the center the al-  
lies have pressed forward in the De-  
ran Lake region in a preliminary  
movement toward Strumitza, in  
southwestern Bulgaria.

Montenegrin troops are fighting be-  
side the Serbs on the allies' right  
wing. A small Montenegrin detach-  
ment repulsed a Bulgarian cavalry at-  
tack near Florina on Sunday. Official  
dispatches to the French war office  
report that the battle is continuing  
in this region, where the Bulgarians  
have occupied both Florina and  
Banica.

## NEWS OF THE DAY.

The Chicago police yesterday dis-  
covered a ghastly murder, and an  
even more ghastly scene attending it.  
In a bare little room in East Twenty-  
fourth street they came upon the body  
of a woman, apparently not more than  
19 years old. It was badly decomposed  
and the head was almost severed from  
the torso. She was identified as Cath-  
erine La Pelle. Crawling about the  
corpse were two little children in the  
final stages of starvation. The police  
declared the body had lain in the room  
for days. Beside it was found a blood-  
one of the finest affairs ever wit-  
which the woman had been killed.

An unexpected Democratic revolt in  
the Senate yesterday resulted in the  
immigration bill being taken up in de-  
fiance of the Democratic caucus and  
opened the way to efforts to displace  
the revenue bill as unfinished business,  
an action which might indefinitely  
prolong the session of Congress. Ten  
Democratic senators voted with the  
solid Republican minority to take up  
the immigration bill upon a motion  
by Senator Smith, of South Carolina,  
chairman of the immigration commit-  
tee. They were Ashurst, Beckham,  
Chamberlain, Culberson, Hardwick,  
Lane, Myers, Overman, Smith, of  
South Carolina, and Vardaman.

There was a conference yesterday  
between Premier Zable and the lead-  
ers of the Socialist group in the  
Danish Rigsdag which has been op-  
posed the sale of the Danish West  
Indies to the United States for \$25-  
000,000. The newspaper Dagens Ny-  
per quotes a "prominent Dane with  
inside information," as follows:  
"Denmark, upon several occasions,  
has been perilously near war since  
the conflict in Europe began. Only  
the high-mindedness of a certain great  
power prevented a catastrophe. The  
question of the West Indies became  
urgent owing to the fear of the  
United States that some European  
power might occupy the islands dur-  
ing the war."